

Appendix B

Agency Coordination

SHPO Letter
from Emory
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properties"

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City Council
Mayor: Gay F.B. House
Trevia Lee Yotts
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City of Emory



75440 903-473-2465 / 903-473-2110 fax

Secretary: Judy Ransom
City Clerk: Donna Raper
Police Chief: Bruce Feagin
Director of Planning: Clyde Smith

December 30, 2005

Texas Historical Commission
Attn: Ms. Cynthia Guillen
Section 106 Coordinator
P.O. Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78711-2276

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RE: DR-1606 (Hurricane Rita) HMGP FEMA Application.- NEPA Coordination
"City of Emory / Rains County Tornado & Severe Wind Shelter and Regional Evacuation &
Emergency Operations Center"

Dear Ms. Guillen:

The City of Emory is requesting assistance from FEMA in order to construct a dual use Community Tornado Shelter and Fire Station / Regional Emergency Operations Center on a 1.9 acre abandoned Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) maintenance facility site. This facility is located off of State Highway 19 and within the corporate limits of the City of Emory as shown in Figure #1.

The site is not located within the limits of the 100-yr floodplain. The existing site consists primarily of asphalt paving with several small abandoned maintenance buildings. These structures shall be removed and replaced with the architectural site plan for Phase I of this project shown in Figure A1.0.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act the City wishes to know if you have any interest in this project. If you have any comments, concerns, or wish to review this project further kindly let me know within thirty (30) days so that the City can work with your office to address your concerns.

Thank you for your time in this matter. If you have any questions or need further information, I may be reached at 903-473-2465.

Sincerely,

Clyde Smith

Clyde Smith
Director of Economic Development
City of Emory

NO HISTORIC
PROPERTIES AFFECTED
PROJECT MAY PROCEED

William A. Mott
for F. Lawrence Oaks
State Historic Preservation Officer
1/5/06



March 23, 2007

Tom Cloud
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Arlington, Texas Ecological Services Field Office
711 Stadium Drive, Suite 252
Arlington, Texas 76011

**Re: Request for Project Review – Construction of Safe Room / Tornado Shelter,
Emory, Rains County, Texas**

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Sean_Edwards@fws.gov

04/23/2007 08:51 AM

To: brian_mehok@urscorp.com

Cc:

Subject: Fish & Wildlife Service Consultation

Mr. Mehok:

This responds to URS Corporation's letter received by our office on March 30, 2007, requesting comments on the proposed City of Emory Safe Room/Tornado Shelter to be constructed in Rains County, Texas.

Due to budget and staffing constraints, this office is no longer able to review and respond to each individual request for information on impacts to listed species resulting from proposed actions. Instead, we are providing the following information to assist the action agency (FEMA in this case), or their designated representative, in meeting their requirements under the Endangered Species Act.

An updated county-by-county list of federally threatened, endangered, and candidate species, critical habitat designations, as well as information on the general biology of these species can be found at our website at <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/arlingtontexas/>. A qualified person, preferably a biologist, should use this information along with other current available information to evaluate project sites and adjacent areas for the presence of suitable habitat for the listed species occurring in a specific Texas County. If this assessment indicates that there is the potential for a proposed action to affect listed species (i.e., suitable habitat for listed species is present within or adjacent to the action area), you should contact this office for further evaluation. If the assessment concludes that a proposed project would have no effect on listed species, section 7 consultation is not required and contact with this office would not be necessary. Your determination of "no effect" and the rationale to support it would then be provided to the appropriate federal agency (FEMA in this case). Please refer to our website for any future need for species lists or questions regarding the section 7 consultation process.

Please contact me if you are in need of further assistance.

Kind Regards,

Sean Patrick Edwards
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Ecological Services Field Office
711 Stadium Drive, Suite 252
Arlington, TX 76011
817-277-1100
sean_edwards@fws.gov



March 23, 2007

Lori Valadez
NRCS, TEXAS STATE OFFICE
101 S Main St.
Temple, TX 76501-7602

**Re: Request for Project Review – Construction of Safe Room / Tornado Shelter,
Emory, Rains County, Texas**

Dear Ms. Valadez,

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United States Department of Agriculture



USDA- Natural Resources Conservation Service
101 South Main
Temple, TX 76501
254.742.9805

April 3, 2007

Mr. Brian Mehok
Environmental Specialist
URS Corporation
9801 Westheimer, Suite 500
Houston, TX 77042

Dear Mr. Mehok:

We have reviewed the information relative to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Pre-Hazard Mitigation Project for the construction of a new Safe Room/Tornado Shelter in the City of Emory, Texas.

NRCS does not have any objection to this project. This project should have no significant adverse impacts on the environment or the natural resources in the area. We do not require any permits, easements, or approvals for these activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this proposed project.

Sincerely,

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WALTER W. DOUGLAS
Acting State Conservationist

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March 23, 2007

Ms. Jessica Napier
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch; Fort Worth District (ATTN: CESWF-PER-R)
819 Taylor Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102

**Re: Request for Project Review – Construction of Safe Room / Tornado Shelter,
Emory, Rains County, Texas**

Dear Ms. Napier,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. BOX 17300
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-0300

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

May 11, 2007

Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division
Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: Project Number SWF-2007-128

Mr. Brian Mehok
Environmental Specialist
URS Corporation
9801 Westheimer, Suite 500
Houston, Texas 77042

Dear Mr. Mehok:

Thank you for your letter of March 23, 2007, concerning a proposal by Rains County to construct a Safe Room/Tornado Shelter located at 110 Rhodes Drive in the City of Emory, Rains County, Texas. This project has been assigned Project Number SWF-2007-128. Please include this number in all future correspondence concerning this project. Failure to reference the project number may result in a delay.

We have reviewed this project in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. Under Section 404, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulates the discharge of dredged and fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands. The USACE responsibility under Section 10 is to regulate any work in, or affecting, navigable waters of the United States. Based on your description of the proposed work, other information available to us, and current regulations and policy, we have determined that this project will not involve any of the above activities. Therefore, it will not require Department of the Army authorization under the above laws. However, it is incumbent upon you to remain informed of any changes in USACE Regulatory Program regulations and policy as they relate to your project.

The USACE based this decision on a preliminary jurisdictional determination (JD) that there are no waters of the United States on the project site. This preliminary JD is valid for a period of no more than five years from the date of this letter unless new information warrants revision of the delineation before the expiration date. It is incumbent upon the applicant to remain informed of changes in the Department of the Army regulations.

Thank you for your interest in our nation's water resources. If you have any questions concerning our regulatory program, please contact Ms. Kelly Allen at the address above or telephone (817)886-1732.

Sincerely,


for Mr. Wayne A. Lea
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosure



March 23, 2007

Richard Greene
Regional Administrator
EPA Region 6
1445 Ross Ave., Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202

**Re: Request for Project Review – Construction of Safe Room / Tornado Shelter,
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Dear Mr. Greene,

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March 23, 2007

Leroy Biggers
Regional Director
TCEQ- Region 5 Office
2916 Teague Dr.
Tyler, TX 75701-3734

**Re: Request for Project Review – Construction of Safe Room / Tornado Shelter,
Emory, Rains County, Texas**

Dear Mr. Biggers,

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March 23, 2007

Ms. Celeste Brancel-Brown
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, TX 78744

**Re: Request for Project Review – Construction of Safe Room / Tornado Shelter,
Emory, Rains County, Texas**

Dear Ms. Brancel-Brown,

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Based on the project description, the Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program does not anticipate significant

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adverse impacts to rare species, natural communities, or special features.

Reviewer 

Date 17 Jan 08

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12 Nov 07 - Was still needed - he is sending link to EA via email



March 23, 2007

Bobby Littlefield, P.E.
Texas Department of Transportation (Paris District)
1365 N Main St.
Paris, Texas 75460

**Re: Request for Project Review – Construction of Safe Room / Tornado Shelter,
Emory, Rains County, Texas**

Dear Mr. Littlefield,

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